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## MEMORANDUM

November 21, 2013

To:

Judges, Attorneys and Case Parties

From:

Peter J. Calderone, Director and Chief Judge

Subject:

Interrogatories in Medical Provider Claims

There has been an increase in the number of Medical Provider Claims (MPC) which has resulted in additional discovery motions particularly for the filing of interrogatories. In order to streamline the process for efficiency and cost savings to the parties and court, the following is now in effect:

- 1. Interrogatories shall be allowed without motion in MPC cases. The interrogatories shall be specific to the matter(s) at issue and not overbroad.
- 2. Interrogatories shall be served by the parties not later than 30 days after service of the answer to the MPC. Answers to the interrogatories shall be served within 45 days after the service of the interrogatories.
- 3. A Judge of Compensation may for good cause enlarge the time to serve or answer interrogatories. The Judge would also resolve any dispute over the interrogatory questions and/or answers.
- 4. Since this is a new process, parties in any pending MPC case where the answer has already been filed, have 45 days from the date of this memorandum to serve interrogatories without motion.

Please contact me if you have any questions on this process.

